

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE



School of Law  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
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Application for: Aug. 20\_\_\_\_\_ Jan. 20\_\_\_\_\_ (transfer students only)

Application Type: First-Year Student  Full Time  Part Time  Transfer Student

Please type or print clearly. Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.

## 1. Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Last*                      *First*                      *Middle*                      *Social Security Number*                      *Law Services ID number*

## 2. Current Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Number & Street*                      *City*                      *State*                      *ZIP Code*                      *County*

3. Use Current Address Until \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month/Day/Year*

## 4. Current Telephone Contact Information (please include area code):

(     )                      (     )                      (     )                      (     )  
*Home*                      *Business*                      *Cell*                      *Emergency*

5. Current E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Permanent Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Number and Street*                      *City*                      *State*                      *ZIP Code*                      *County*

## 7. Permanent Telephone Contact Information (please include area code):

(     )                      (     )                      (     )                      (     )  
*Home*                      *Business*                      *Cell*                      *Emergency*

8. In what state do you claim legal residence? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you, your spouse or either of your parents claiming you as a dependent for federal tax purposes, as of the date of this application:  operate a business in Missouri;  pay Missouri income tax? If so, please specify who below.

10. Will you have earned an undergraduate degree before law school enrollment? Yes  No

11. If no, you must have a letter sent from your undergraduate school confirming that it will accept credits earned from the UMKC Law School to complete the undergraduate degree.  
See <http://www.umkc.edu/umkc/catalog-grad/html/law/0340.html>

12. Other law schools to which you are applying. (This information will not affect your application for admission in any way).

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13. Have you ever applied to this Law School before? If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Have you ever been, are you currently attending, or are you registered as a student at any law school (including summer start or conditional admission programs)? If so, state the name of the school, the dates of attendance and whether you are/were in good standing and eligible to return. Transfer students must have a transcript and letter of good standing sent to the Law School Office of Admissions.

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15. List in order of attendance all colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools (except law schools) you have attended:

Name of Institution City/State	Attendance Dates	Type of Degree	Hours Earned	GPA	Major

16. Dates on which you took or plan to take the LSAT and score, if known:

                                              
                                              
                                              
                                              

*Date                      Score                      Date                      Score                      Date                      Score                      Date                      Score*

**Personal History**

17. Date of Birth                      Place of Birth                      Gender (M/F)                      Country of Citizenship

18. If not a U.S. citizen, what Immigration Visa classification do you have or intend to apply for at a U.S. Consulate?  
 "F" Student       "J" Exchange Visitor       Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Resident Alien Registration No. (attach a copy of your card) \_\_\_\_\_

19. Ethnic Origin (optional):  
 American Indian/Alaskan Native       Asian/Pacific Islander       Black/African American   
 Caucasian/White       Chicano/Mexican American       Hispanic/Latino   
 Puerto Rican       Other \_\_\_\_\_

20. Have you ever served or are you now serving in the armed forces? \_\_\_\_\_

21. If yes, please specify branch of service, highest rank, and dates of service. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Character

If the answer to any of the following questions is yes, please attach a supplemental statement accurately describing the incident, its resolution and the dates. If you are unsure as to whether to make a disclosure, we encourage you to err on the side of disclosure. You should include everything except sealed juvenile adjudications.

22. Are you currently or have you ever been on academic suspension, academic probation or dismissed from any institution of learning? Yes  No
23. Have disciplinary charges ever been filed against you at an institution of learning or as a member of any profession or organization? Yes  No
24. Are there any disciplinary charges that you expect to be brought against you at an institution of learning or as a member of any profession or organization? Yes  No
25. Have you ever been denied or had revoked a license or permit, the procurement of which required proof of good moral character (such as real estate broker, certified public accountant)? Yes  No
26. Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a crime other than minor traffic violations? Yes  No
27. Are there any criminal charges pending against you? Yes  No
28. Do you expect any criminal charges to be brought against you? Yes  No

I certify that the information provided on this application and in the attached materials is true and complete.

I will notify the Office of Admissions of any additional information or changes arising at any time prior to my matriculation at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

I understand that any misstatement or omission in this application is grounds for denial of admission and just cause for suspension or dismissal from the Law School and may be reported to bar admission authorities.

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Signature

Date

The Board of Curators and the University of Missouri-Kansas City are committed to the policy that there shall be no discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, disability or Vietnam-era veteran status. The director of Affirmative Action is responsible for all relevant programs. The Office of Affirmative Action is located in room 223 of the Administrative Center, and the office's phone number is 816-235-1323. Those with speech or hearing impairments can reach the University by calling Relay Missouri, 1-800-735-2966 (TT) or 1-800-735-2466 (voice).

## Have You ...

- Registered to take the Law School Admission Test?
- Registered with the Law School Data Assembly Service?
- Requested two letters of recommendation to be submitted to LSDAS?
- Requested transcripts to be submitted to LSDAS?

Enclosed with your application:

- a resume?
- a personal statement?
- your signature and date on the application?
- the \$50 application fee?

Applications may be submitted beginning Sept. 1.

## The Application Process

Thank you for your interest in the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. We seek a diverse student body to join us. Our students receive excellent legal training as we prepare them to become responsible community leaders in Kansas City and throughout the nation. Students at UMKC can learn in a positive, constructive atmosphere with many opportunities for interaction with faculty and upper-class students. If an environment conducive to learning and professional development is what you are looking for, UMKC is the place for you!

Applicants should have completed a bachelor's degree based on a program of courses with substantial intellectual content. Any course of study leading to an undergraduate degree will be sufficient for admission, as long as the emphasis was an intellectually demanding one that challenged the student to employ critical-thinking skills and communicate effectively. Particularly helpful to law school study, however, are courses in history, political science, speech, logic, debate and language arts. Courses with a strong emphasis on writing are particularly encouraged in light of the crucial role effective writing plays both in law school and law practice.

As an alternative, students who have completed at least 90 acceptable hours of credit in an approved institution may be admitted, as long as they have completed all non-elective coursework toward a bachelor's degree. The student must also have made arrangements with the school that will award the degree to accept law school credits for the remainder of the work required to earn that degree, so that the student will earn the degree before obtaining the J.D.

**All applicants for admission must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS). Applicants may obtain complete information about the LSAT and LSDAS from the Law School Admission Council, Box 2000, Newton, PA 18940; [www.lsat.org](http://www.lsat.org), or the UMKC Law School Admission Office. All undergraduate transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be sent to LSDAS using the above address. The LSAT exam should be taken by February for fall admission. UMKC School of Law classes begin only in the fall.**

### Decision Factors

The School of Law restricts the number of students admitted each year to achieve a favorable faculty-student ratio providing the best possible legal education for each student enrolled. Because many more people apply to the Law School than there are seats available, admission is highly competitive. While substantial weight is given to the LSAT score and undergraduate GPA, the Law School and its faculty believe that using factors in addition to the LSAT and GPA contribute to an intellectually stimulating and diverse environment. These factors, consistent with the University's values of diversity, inclusiveness and respect, include racial, ethnic, cultural, gender, age or other forms of diversity; triumphs over challenges and barriers based on societal discrimination or economic disadvantage; outstanding leadership qualities; serious and sustained commitment to significant public or community service; advanced or specialized educational achievements; accomplishments or qualities indicative of potential for contributing to scholarly and creative initiatives; and potential to provide high-quality legal services to clients.

### Personal Statement

**A resume and personal statement must accompany your application.** The personal statement should help the committee get to know you and understand your strengths and motivations; and help it determine your likelihood for law school success and the contributions you will make to our community of learners. If there are questions raised by the information in your application, the personal statement is a good place to provide answers or explanations. You may focus on one or more of the following: your motivation for law study; factors that demonstrate the likelihood of your success in law school (including an explanation of undergraduate or LSAT performance, as well as outstanding leadership and achievement); a description of how you have overcome deprivations based on societal discrimination or economic disadvantage; and how you will contribute to the class.

### Transfer Applicants

Students who have completed at least one year at an ABA-accredited law school may be accepted for admission with advanced standing. A maximum of 30 credit hours will be accepted for transfer. Transfer applicants must submit: this application; application fee; official transcript from the current law school; copy of your LSDAS report; a letter from the current law school stating that you are a student in good standing with no academic or disciplinary problems and that you are eligible to return to the current school; and a personal statement indicating your reasons for transferring.

### Application Fee

A nonrefundable \$50 application processing fee in the form of a check or money order payable to the University of Missouri-Kansas City must accompany this application. Former UMKC students who attended starting Fall 1975 are not required to pay the fee. **No other fee waivers can be granted.**